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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to you, and through you to the members of the Security Council, the text of an exchange of letters between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations extending, in the light of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) of 21 May 1999, the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) for a period of 180 days, effective 25 May 1999.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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Letter dated 24 May 1999 from the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs addressed to the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1242 (1999), adopted by the Security Council on 21 May 1999, by which the Council decided that the relevant provisions of resolution 986 (1995) will remain in force for a new period of 180 days beginning at 00.01 hours, Eastern Standard Time, on 25 May 1999. I should also like to refer to an exchange of letters between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations dated 25 November 1998 extending, in the light of Security Council resolution 1210 (1998) of 24 November 1998, the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Government of Iraq on the implementation of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) for a period of 180 days, effective 26 November 1998.

In view of the foregoing, I have the honour to propose that the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 be extended for an additional period of 180 days, effective 25 May 1999.

It is understood that the distribution plans which have already been approved but have not yet been implemented shall continue to apply for goods purchased with oil revenues generated under the respective Security Council resolutions.

If your Government agrees to this proposal, I suggest that this letter, and your reply thereto, shall constitute an agreement between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Government of Iraq.

(Signed) Ralph ZACKLIN
Assistant Secretary-General
for Legal Affairs
in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs

Letter dated 24 May 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Iraq agrees to the proposal contained in your letter of 24 May 1999 for the extension of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding of 20 May 1996 for an additional period of 180 days, effective 25 May 1999.

(Signed) Rokan N. Hama AL-ANBUGE
Chargé d'affaires a.i.